

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 672

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Floyd Garrett for
meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Floyd Garrett, who owns and operates the Muscle Car Museum in Sevierville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garrett's passion for muscle cars began at fifteen years of age, when he worked as an attendant at a Gulf gas station in Fernandina Beach, Florida; and

WHEREAS, a skilled entrepreneur, Floyd Garrett owned and managed a trucking company in Jacksonville, Florida, the success of which enabled him to start his collection of muscle cars; and

WHEREAS, after accruing more than sixty cars, Mr. Garrett opened the Muscle Car Museum in Sevierville in 1996 in order to showcase these specimens of rich American culture and history; and

WHEREAS, displaying some of the finest and rarest automobiles from all of the nation's major manufacturers, the museum exhibits such classic cars as an LS6 Chevelle convertible, a ZL-1 Camaro, Yenkos, Boss 302 and 409 Mustangs, AMXs, a Hemi Superbird and Road Runner, and a GTO Judge convertible; and

WHEREAS, the Muscle Car Museum also displays historic NASCAR racecars, including Richard Petty's rare Chevrolet and a black #3 Monte Carlo driven by Dale Earnhardt; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the vehicles themselves, Mr. Garrett exhibits innumerable accessories and memorabilia of the era and even built a replica Gulf station and general store

with vintage gasoline pumps in order to truly recreate the period that gave birth to the museum's showcase of exciting cars; and

WHEREAS, Floyd Garrett often hosts major car shows and events, including the recent Great Smoky Mountain Auto Fest, which are some of the area's most popular attractions; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Mr. Garrett's significant contributions to the automotive world, he and his museum have been featured on major television channels and programs, such as Speed Channel's *American Muscle Car*, Spike Television, the History Channel, and several local stations; and

WHEREAS, Floyd Garrett epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Garrett for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Floyd Garrett for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, applaud his dedication to preserving and honoring the finest era of American automotive engineering, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.